

# USEPA Brownfields Program



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# CERCLA Liability Protection



Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002:  
“Official” program

Provides various forms of **liability protection**.

A party who satisfies statutory provisions can avoid CERCLA liability.

- Not be liable party or affiliated with the liable party
- Conduct all appropriate inquiries prior to purchase
- Fulfill continuing obligations after purchase to:
  - Comply with land use restrictions
  - Maintain institutional controls
- Take reasonable steps to:
  - stop/prevent releases
  - prevent exposures

# CERCLA Liability Protection is offered to:

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- Contiguous Property Owners
- Bona Fide Prospective Purchasers
- Innocent Landowners

# Brownfields & Revitalization Programs Benefit Communities...

- Reduces blight
- Removes stigma of contamination
- Restores pride in community
- Creates tax revenue
- Creates jobs
- Revitalizes neighborhoods
- Reduces health risks
- Protects/creates greenspace
- Reduces sprawl
- Promotes sustainability



# Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (ARC) Grants

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- **A**ssessment
  - **R**evolving Loan Fund (RLF)
  - **C**leanup
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- ❖ Job training grants
    - smaller boutique grant program offered under a different solicitation process and schedule.

# Grant Amounts Available

Assessment Grants (Hazardous)	\$200,000. \$350,000.	Community-Wide Site-Specific
Assessment Grants (Petroleum)	\$200,000. \$350,000.	Community-Wide Site-Specific
Cleanup Grants	\$200,000. per site	20% Cost Share Limit 3 per year
Revolving Loan Fund Grants	\$1,000,000. per eligible entity	40% can be used for subgrants of up to \$200K per site
Job Training Grants	\$200,000.	Limited to areas served by one of the other grants

# Revolving Loan Fund Grants

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- \$1 million grants (requires a 20% cost share)
  - low-interest loan fund for cleanups (60%)
  - Subgrant for cleanups (40%)
  - Governmental entities
    - Can loan to private parties
  - 5 year project periods

# Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program

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## *What Makes a Good Revolving Loan Fund Project?*

- Growing market
- Master redevelopment plans that include Brownfield
- Capacity to handle financial transactions
- Developer interest in loans





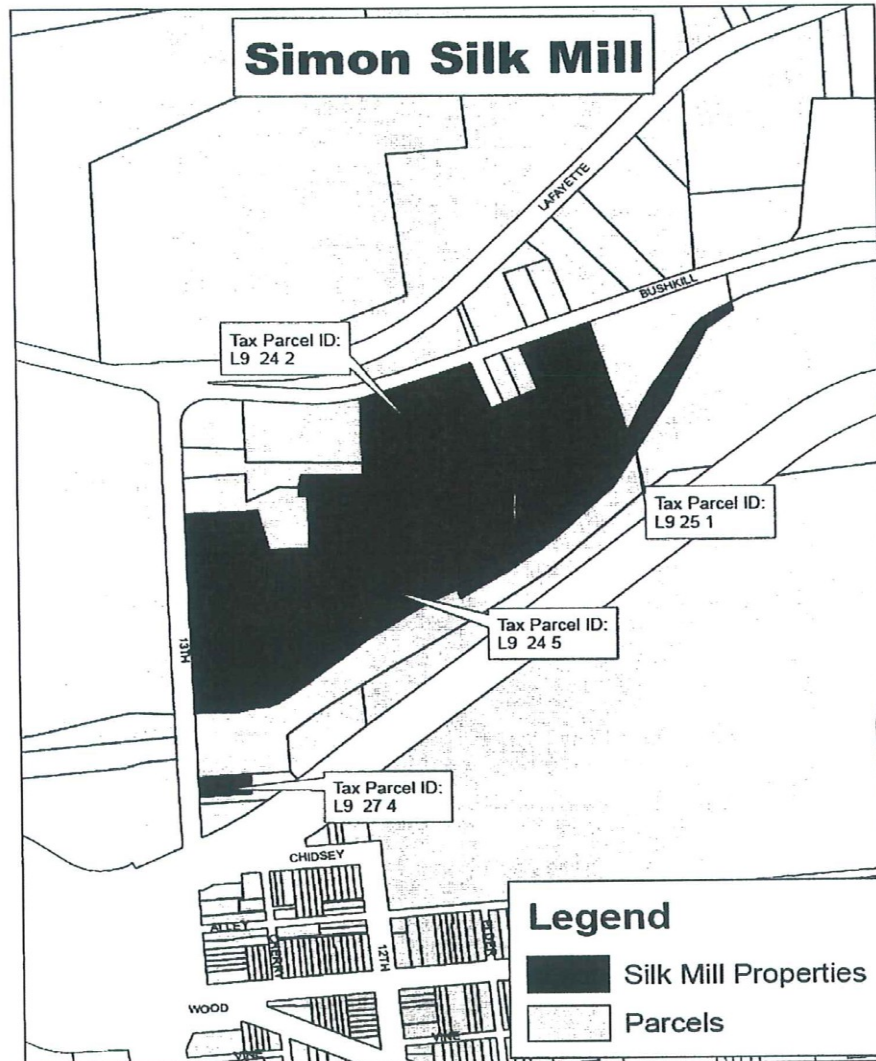


## Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund

Former Silk Mill, Easton, PA

13 acres, 21 buildings, mostly brick from 1900's





RLF recipient:  
Northampton County, PA

Subgrant/Loan recipient:  
Easton Redevelopment Authority  
Loan \$277k  
Subgrant \$200k

Clean up/restore for  
mixed use redevelopment



Total Project Budget  
\$1.8M

RLF  
Seed money

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# Preparation for Applying for Brownfields Funding

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- Guidelines separate for each grant type
- EPA Region III grant application training
- Proposal Guidelines for ARC Grants:
  - [www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm)

# Want More Information?

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- EPA's Brownfields Website (download the Proposal Guidelines here)  
<http://epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>
- Region 3's Brownfields website (helpful hints and presentation materials)  
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/grants/index.htm>
- FY09 ARC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) -  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/publications/fy2009faqs.pdf>

# Other Items

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## Annual Brownfields Conference

- Brownfields 2011: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; April 3-5, 2011

## Next Grant Funding Opportunity

- Proposals due Fall 2010

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# Apply! This Could Be YOU!

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